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Dear Interested Party:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks is proposing to accept the donation of 1,050 acres of property located approximately 13 miles southwest of Big Sandy. The property is found along Spring Coulee and also contains riverfront property along the Missouri River.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to conserve and enhance native areas that provide important habitat for game and nongame species. The property would be managed as a Wildlife Management Area to protect fish and wildlife resources and to provide additional recreational opportunities to the general public.

Protecting and enhancing the existing habitat is expected to increase use by game animals, including mule deer, antelope, sharp-tailed grouse, Hungarian partridge, and mourning doves along with a variety of native species of birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and small mammals.

The Draft Environmental Assessment can be found on the on the FWP website at <http://fwp.mt.gov/news/publicNotices/>. Additional details regarding this proposal are also included in the Draft Management Plan and Socio-Economic Assessment. The comment period for this proposal will be from October 17th through 5:00 pm on November 9th. A hard copy of the proposal can be requested by calling 406-228-3700.

A public meeting will be held at the Hill County Electric Hospitality Room in Havre on October 30th at 7:00 pm to discuss the proposed acquisition and take public comment.

Please send all written comments to the following address:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Attn: Spring Coulee WMA Acquisition Proposal
2165 Hwy 2 East
Havre, MT 59501

Comments can also be emailed to: shemmer@mt.gov

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pat Gunderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pat Gunderson
Region 6 Supervisor
Montana, Fish Wildlife & Parks